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Spring goes by in a rush

Elk Point's seasonal creek rushes through Mural Park at a level not seen in some years, as weekend temperatures finally climbed into the first double digits of 2011.

Land use plan receives mixed reviews

By Tim Banman
Review Contributor

The provincial government released the first draft Lower Athabasca Regional Plan (LARP) last week to mixed reviews from opposition parties, industry, and environmental groups.

Consultations will take place locally before a final draft is created, in Bonnyville on April 18 at the ACFA Hall, St. Paul on April 19 at the Rec Centre, and Cold Lake April 20 and May 10 at the Energy Centre, May 11 at the Glendon Seniors Centre, Elk Point May 12 at the Seniors Recreation Centre.

The new draft calls for two million hectares of "protected lands," areas set aside for conservation. The draft includes 10 new provincial parks and six new public lands areas, including Lakeland Country as a "major tourist destination," according to a press release.

"No regional plan will be approved until legislation that clarifies our respect for property rights is passed in the Legislature," Minister of Sustainable Resources Mel Knight said in the press release.

The Alberta Forest Products Association issued a statement of support for the principles of the Land-Use Framework and indicated it would participate in the discussion on the South Saskatchewan plan.

The Regional Advisory Committee for the South Saskatchewan Region gave its advice to government in March, highlighting water, economic development, and conservation areas as key areas to include in the plan.

The plan for the North Saskatchewan Region, which includes St. Paul and area, has not yet been released.

The LARP draft reinforced the Wildrose Alliance's view on Bill 36, said Shayne Saskiw, Wildrose Alliance candidate for the Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills constituency.

"This is a game changer for this particular issue," he said. While government has been saying, "We can't just unilaterally cancel existing property rights, well look what they just did. They unilaterally cancelled an oilsands lease," he said.

If government can cancel those leases, "what hope does a farmer have if the cabinet can unilaterally cancel some of their property rights, like a grazing lease or a water right?" he asked.

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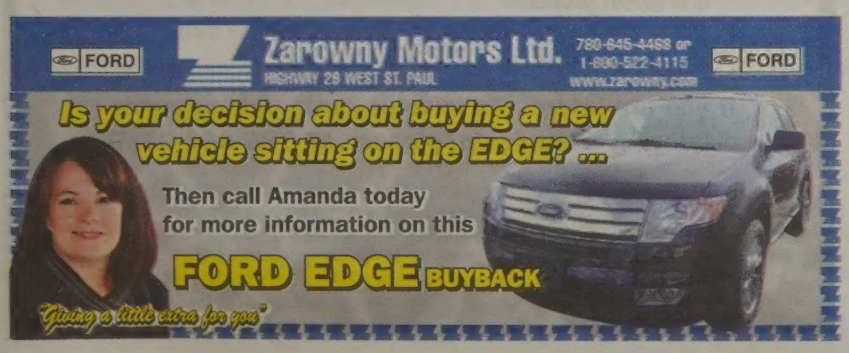

Local schools ranked by Fraser Institute study

Elk Point Elementary places second among area schools on academic performance results

By Tim Banman
Review Contributor

The Fraser Institute released the results of the 2011 study of academic performance in elementary schools in Alberta recently.

The Fraser Institute ranks schools by comparing provincial test scores. The Institute does not recommend choosing a school based solely on the report, but advises that the report can help parents find the most effective academic programs, according to the organization's website, where the results are available.

For the 2009-2010 school year, Glendon School ranked highest of local schools at the 269th ranking in a study of 654 schools. Elk Point Elementary School came not far behind at the 281 spot.

St. Dominic School in Cold Lake came in at 315, while St. Paul's Glen Avon Protestant School came in at the 369th spot. Holy Cross Elementary in Cold Lake came in near the bottom at 539, tying with École des Beaux-Lacs in Bonnyville.

The study grades each school on seven factors: Grade 3 and 6 language arts achievement test marks, Grade 6 science marks, and the difference between male and female performance, if any, in Grade 6 language arts and science tests.

This year's study did not include math results because Alberta Education is in the process of phasing in new provincial math tests for Grade 3 and 6. With some schools using the old tests and others new tests, results were not comparable and were omitted from the study, according to the website. For the first time, Fraser Institute used social studies achievement tests in the study.

The study identified the Grade 6 gender gap at the Elk Point Elementary School, where females on average scored five per cent higher than males in language arts and males scored 7.2 per cent higher in science.

The gender gap at Glen Avon favoured females in language arts by 4.3 per cent and males in science the same as Elk Point at 7.2 per cent higher than females in Grade 6.

Glendon school fared the best of local schools, with an average Grade 3 language mark of 77 per cent, Grade 6 language arts marks averaged at 67.7 per cent, science at 68.4 per cent and social studies 74 per cent.

The gender gap came it at 6.2 per cent higher language arts scores for females in Grade 6 and 9.6 per cent higher scores for males in Grade 6 science.

Enrollment in 2010 at Glendon was 19 Grade 6 students, Glen Avon 41, and Elk Point 34, according to the study results. The study does not look at schools with less than 15 students in Grades 3 and 6.

WPA UPCOMING AUCTIONS WPA

- **Regular Livestock Sales** held every Tuesday starting at 10:30 am.
- **Thursday, April 14 -** 11 a.m., All Breeds Bull Sale along with bred cows and pairs
- **Thursday, April 21 -** Horse Sale 6 pm - starts with tack
- **Saturday, April 23 -** 11 a.m., Farm Auction for Andre Langevin of St. Vincent

Partial List: JD4555 FWA, JD4055 w/duals and 726 ldr, JD568 baler, 9-2000 bu. Butler bins, 16' - 1275 Hesston haybine, 30' JD9350 disk drill w/factory mover.

- **Saturday, April 30 -** 11 a.m., Estate Auction for the late William Zuk of Bonnyville

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Land use plan

(Continued from Front PAge)

The draft identified nearly two-million hectares of potential conservation land in the Lower Peace Region, which would connect to existing and proposed areas in the lower Athabasca Region and Wood Buffalo National Park. The areas would include part of the range and habitat for six caribou herd and will advance caribou recovery efforts, said the press release.

The Alberta Wilderness Association (AWA) criticized the LARP draft, saying that it sacrifices northeast Alberta's wilderness and that it falls "far short of its own and international targets for protecting northeast Alberta's ecosystems for future generations," in a press release.

AWA said the plan will leave no caribou range protected and that "This decision will guarantee the extinction of woodland caribou in the Athabasca region."

The NDP also spoke out against the draft, calling it further evidence of the government's determination to ignore good science and long-term prosperity to keep big business friends happy, said MLA Rachel Notley in a press release.

Downstream water forum planned

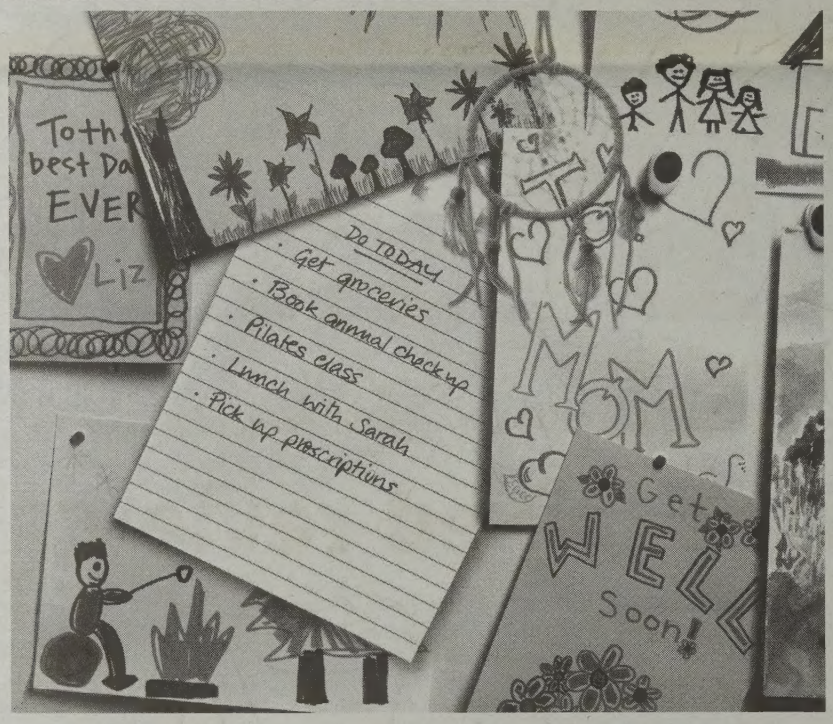
By Tim Banman
Review Contributor

The North Saskatchewan River Watershed plans to hold a downstream waterside forum in St. Paul on April 18 at the Legion from noon to 4 p.m. to discuss how to develop an integrated watershed management plan.

Lunch will be provided at noon, followed by introductions and a welcome from Dr. Les Gammie. David Trew will provide an overview of the integrated watershed management plan process to date and an overview of the discussion paper and workbook recommendations.

The organization encourages people to fill out a workbook on the plan and submit it by April 29.

At 2:30 p.m. a question and answer period will give attendees the chance to find out more.



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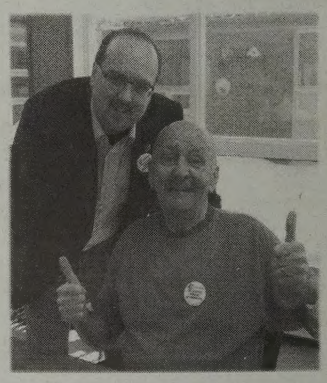

Standing up for Seniors:

- ✓ Provided Pension Income Splitting for Seniors
- ✓ Enhanced the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) for seniors who rely on OAS and GIS, a contribution of over $300 million/yr
- ✓ Increased the Age Credit amount in 2006 by $1,000 and again in 2009 by $1,000
- ✓ Increased the GIS earning exemption from $500 to $3,500

Tackling Crime:

- ✓ Proposed changes to the criminal code for tougher sentences on violent and repeat offenders
- ✓ Eliminated the two-for-one credit for time served
- ✓ Provided rights for victims and not criminals of violent crimes and repeat offenders
- ✓ Introduced tougher laws on gang crimes, identity theft, and sex offenders

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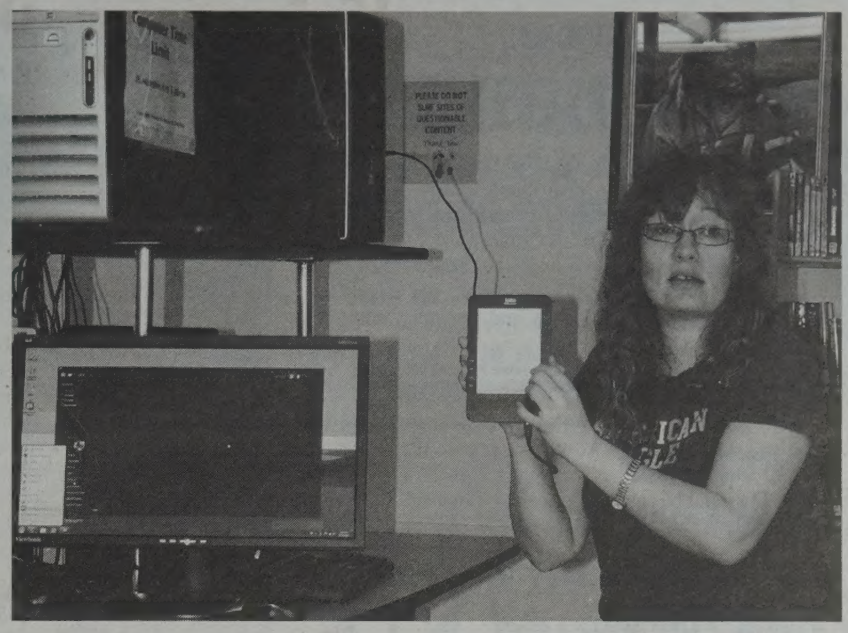


By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

"Everyone who has access to TRAC (The Regional Automation Consortium) can get books from all over the province," librarian Daphne Schnurer told participants at Elk Point Municipal Library's very successful series of sessions on downloading E-books last Thursday.

Close to 30 participants attended the afternoon and evening sessions to learn the process, which gives them access to a new range of reading materials, when downloaded on their computers or E-readers. Audio books are also available for download to MP3 players and computers.

Colette Oster of Northern Lights Library System was on hand to lead participants through the process of finding books that they can read or listen to for between seven and 14 days. The books are automatically deleted at the end of the checkout period.

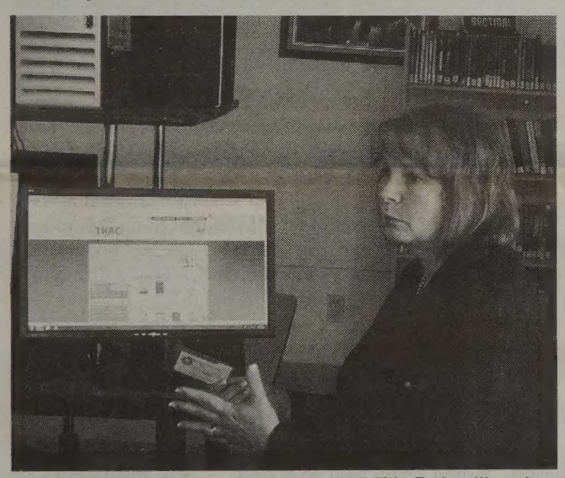
"It's really a new project for TRAC," Oster said, explaining that TRAC makes available resources from four library systems, including Northern Lights' 43 member libraries in an area stretching from Wandering River to Cold Lake to Wainwright to the Edmonton Garrison. The four systems "cover most of rural Alberta, and have about 3.1 million items in their libraries."

This number includes only 4,500 e-books, Oster said. "The variety just isn't there yet. We're just building the collection." One library in each system is in charge of collection development, she noted.

"You're pioneers," she told the patrons who were learning the new technology. "Over 100,000 patrons will be using this, and it will take time to grow. It is so popular and there are so few titles yet."

Oster demonstrated the procedure to follow to download an audio or E-book as well as the process of loading it onto an E-reader. She also discussed the merits of various types of E-readers, and answered questions from the participants.

All workshop attendees were invited to enjoy coffee and snacks, and to enter a draw for an E-reader. Dayle Oster drew the name of Lynn Proskiw as the lucky winner.



"All you need is your library card," Elk Point librarian Daphne Schnurer told workshop participants as they learned last week how to download E-books from the internet.

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Address: _____ Phone: _____

Contest Rules: 1. Contest is open to children ages 4 - 10. Older children or adults may not assist in coloring, but may assist in filling out the entry form. 2. Crayons, poster paints, colored pencils or felt-tip pens may be used. 3. Entries will be judged on use of color, neatness and overall appearance. 4. All entries become non-returnable property of St. Paul & District Co-op and must be received in our store on or before **April 25, 2011**. 5. Decision of the judges will be final. **1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes will be awarded.**

Editorial

Town builders

Volunteers built this town... or at least, many of the facilities we enjoy in our leisure and family time.

Volunteers built our churches, and continue to do so, as in the case of the Christian Community Church, now completing their massive renovation project. They built, or fundraised to build and/or renovate, our Elks Hall, Seniors' Recreation Centre, Arts and Leisure Centre and the rural halls. They built our curling rink, ice and fairgrounds arenas and ball fields. Most recently, volunteers are raising funds to build our water spray park.

Town building - just one more reason to salute our countless volunteers this Volunteer Week, April 10 to 16.

Way Back When...

'Last Hope,' school cutbacks, spruce-up grant

Here's the news that made the headlines in the Lakeland Review and Elk Point Review for the week of April 12 in...

1986

Local farmers Ray Danyluk and Albert Naber climbed aboard a vintage John Deere 'D' tractor with a sign reading 'Last Hope' wired to its rust-scabbed radiator, and rattled off toward Edmonton in a grassroots plea for help for Alberta's suffering farmers. A dozen concerned Elk Point residents, including three pre-teens, formed a local chapter of the Canadian Save the Children Fund, chaired by Marnie McCowan, and visited town council for the proclamation of the community's first Save the Children Week.

1991

Ian Kozicky became the first Elk Point hockey player to win the Alex Kurash Memorial Award, which would go each year to the peewee player showing the most continued improvement in hockey skills, along with a positive attitude, an eagerness to learn and coachability. A trend toward community involvement in policing was discussed with town council when RCMP Sgt. Barry Kutryk attended their Municipal Involvement Week meeting.

1996

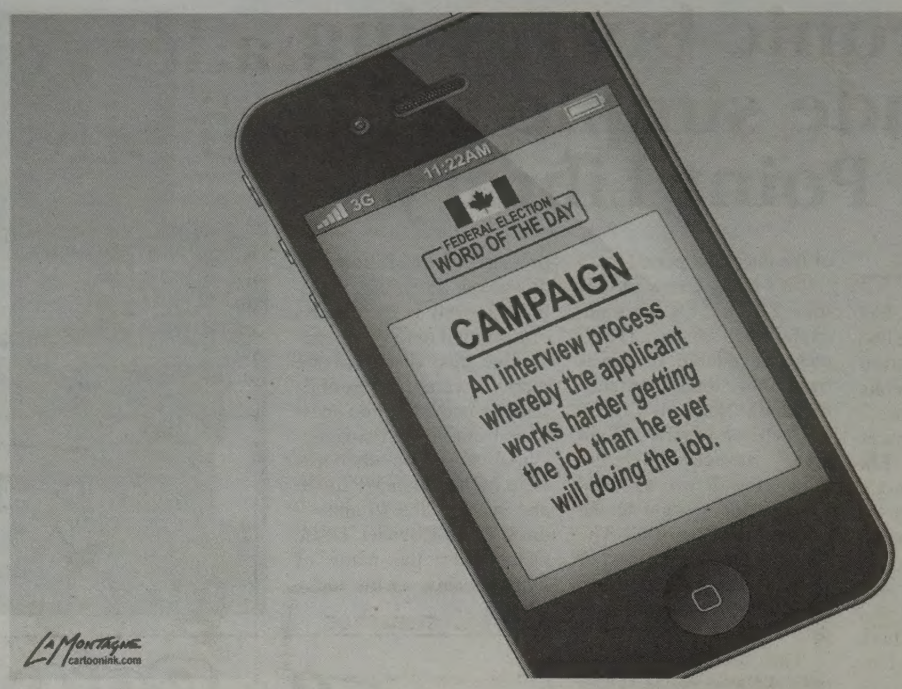
Schools in St. Paul Regional Division No. 1 were warned that they could be facing severe cutbacks of up to 12 per cent of teaching staff in the coming year after coming up with a $850,000 budget shortfall in the instructional block alone. Teen entrepreneur Aaron Young visited Elk Point Chamber's meeting to talk about the St. Paul/Smoky Lake Business and Community Development Corporation's 'I Want to be a Millionaire' program, which assisted him with starting his 'Helping Hands' odd-job business.

2001

Midget Thunder coach Shane St. Arnault was named Coach of the Year and Nicholas Myshaniuk won the Alex Kurash Memorial Award as Elk Point Minor Hockey wound up the year with their awards banquet. Mayor Ed Buck came to the chamber of commerce with a new plan to get the town looking its best, by offering grants to businesses for paint and labour to spruce up their buildings.

2006

The chamber's train station was at first-draft stage, with architect Paul Porcina and member Loree Aarbo displaying plans that included two rental offices, a two-storey foyer with fireplace that also opened into the adjoining great room, and a 1,000-square-foot boardroom on the upper floor. Life was a dance at F. G. Miller High School, as students kept the beat in the Dance Dance Revolution, with staff wisely keeping secret that it was great exercise as well as fun.

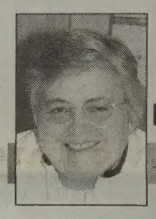


Guest Column

Smoke to fire

Have you ever thought of the expression: "Where there is smoke, there is fire!"? Lately, I have been reading the book: "Starved Stuff" by Matt Townsend who is a marriage counselor and gives an example of what this expression means.

" I had a couple I'll call the Telfords come into my office one day. After many years of marriage they were seriously considering a divorce. We sat down to discuss 'the problem' and I asked the wife to tell me the source of her excruciating pain, a pain that was so awful she was considering ending her marriage. She quickly replied, "My husband is so lazy! He never finishes anything he starts. In fact," she continued, "he started working on our bathroom door years ago, but never finished it. I haven't had a bathroom door for years. I'm just tired of it!" At face value, this woman appeared to be ending her seventeen-year marriage because of an uninstalled bathroom door (a "smoky" issue). So, I asked her, "What if we found someone to hand that door? Would you then want to stay in your marriage?" "No," she quickly replied, "it goes much deeper than that."



deanna EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

Notice that when she initially presented the issue, all she talked about was the bathroom door. Now we know that this was just the "smoke" and not the "fire." The actual fire, or the real issue, was what?

This all reminds me of our federal government. A federal election is being called because of a non-confidence vote in regard to the budget. I think we can all say, "That's smoke". One question we could ask is: "What is the real problem with our federal government? Do we, the voting public, really know and understand the real problem that needs correction with our federal politics?" And then our next question: "Which political party can make everything right?" Oh boy, oh boy, you know what? There just may be so much smoke, we may never find the fire!

Speaking of the budget, there is another interesting example Matt Townsend relates in this same book. This is an example of a couple who came into his office when the husband, Mike stated: "She just purchased a $400 handbag and I think that is ridiculous! Who needs a $400 purse? Does a $100 purse not hold your stuff well enough? Nobody needs a $400 bag! It's just selfish!" "You just don't understand!" Carla snapped. "You say I'm selfish? How much was your golf bag? How much did you spend on that huge bag with rolling wheels, huh?" Mike's face grew redder. "What does my golf bag have to do with this? We were talking about your purse. Besides my bag wasn't $400!" "How much was it?" asked Carla. "Three something! I can't remember," he argued. Carla crossed her arms in front of her. "Three what?" Veins began to protrude from Mike's neck. "Three-seventy-ish something. But that's not the point." "That sounds like $400 to me," said Carla. "I thought you said nobody needed a $400 bag and you just went out and bought one, didn't you? You're such a hypocrite!" "That's different! I have to have a nice bag to put all my clubs in! It's an investment!" Carla laughed. "Oh really, then how much of an investment were all your clubs?" Mike sat back. "I don't know, but not as much as your junk!" "How much?" Carla demanded. "$1,800 to $2,000.." "What?" Carla exclaimed. "You spent $2,000 on golf clubs and you're complaining about my bag? Talk about ridiculous!" Mike shook his head. "I didn't buy them all at once." "You always did love golf more than me!" said Carla. "You'll do anything to get away from me on the weekends." Mike's eyebrows rose. "You got that right!" "I guess if that's the excuse you're going to use," said Carla, "then I need a $400 bag to put my $15,000 worth of credit cards in." "The credit card is up to $15,000?" Mike exclaimed. "You said last month it was $12,000!" Carla rolled her eyes. "Yes, well I've had to buy a few things since then to catch up with you." "Of course you did," said Mike. "You're out of control. You're a shopaholic! You always did love shopping more than me!" "Whatever!" said Carla. "Whatever!!" exclaimed Mike.

Notice in the discussion between Mike and Carla how the "smoky" issues kept spreading and moving. The fight went from an expensive handbag to golf bags to golf clubs to debt to the love of shopping to golfing, and on and on! What was this fight really about anyway?

Now we have to decide what was the no-confidence vote about anyway that caused a Federal election to be called. Oh my, oh my, all that smoke!

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

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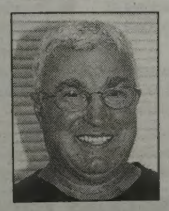

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'My Home Town' is Challenge category for 2011 fair photos

By Jennifer Van der Hoek
Elk Point Agricultural Society Fair Board

Spring seems to have finally arrived, and that means tat it's time to start preparing for the 2011 Elk Point and District Ag Society Craft and Horticulture Show, which will take Place Aug. 13 (entries taken) and 14 (public viewing).

There's something for everyone, from Junior to Senior. For gardeners, there are Fresh Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers and House Plants. For crafters and hobbyists, there are Creative Writing, Photography, Sewing, Arts, Crafts and Hobbies, Knitting, Crocheting and Weaving, Quilting, and Yard Art. And for those of you who enjoy spending time in the kitchen, there's the Baking section and Canning.

So whether that means that it is time to start your tomatoes or to finish that quilt you began at Christmas, let the warm weather inspire you. Write a poem or go for a walk, and take your camera along. The Challenge category for this year's Photography section is 'My Home Town,' so be sure to keep that in mind.

And yes, the Quilt Show is back, with a new coordinator. For information on the Quilt Show or to contribute and item for display, please call Darlene Sereda at 780-724-3735.

Friends prepare for challenge

The Friends of Fort George and Buckingham House will take the next steps toward planning the 2011 Riverland Adventure Challenge at tomorrow's 7 p.m. meeting at the Elk Point Municipal Library.

May 13 is the deadline for registration, with a discount for those who register and pay by April 30.

On-line registration and more information is now available at riverlandchallenge.com

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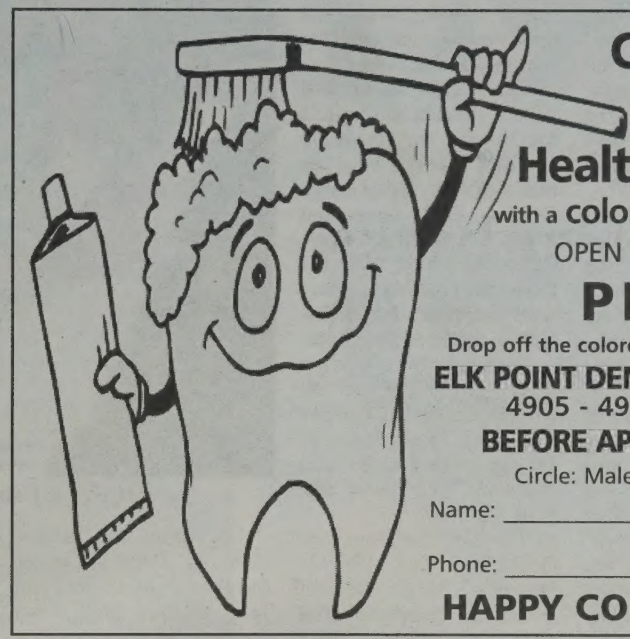

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Celebrating 30 years of Kermit's Karnival

By Mary Jane Quinney
Review Contributor

Frog Lake Careers Building was the site of the 30th Anniversary of Kermit's Karnival. The winter carnival that has been part of the community, in some form or another for the past 30 years was celebrated by the school on March 17 2011, while the community celebrated the event on March 19th.

The planning for the event began months ago. The organizers hoped to recreate the events as they were originally planned in 1981.

The quilt and pie auction was an original event that had been revived for the 30th anniversary event. Aimee Quinney, Joanne Saddleback, and Norma Jackson baked their specialty pies to be auctioned off to the crowd. The artwork of Cecile Dion and Norma Jackson with their quilt designs showed that the skills of quilt making have not yet left our community.

The day began with the inside events. The first event was arm wrestling. After a demonstration by Ms Piggy and Kermit on the correct form for arm wrestling, Donny Deschamps, Terry Walker and Myles Deschamps were the victors in the Men's Arm Wrestling. The women's event was won by Rhonda Cardinal, Rene Quinney and Kelly Dion.

Next on the agenda was leg wrestling. The champions for the women's event were Bernice McGilvery, Margaret Delver and Kelly Dion. The winners in the men's category were Nigel Waskahat, Terry Walker and George Fiddler.

The day was too beautiful to remain inside and everyone was anxious to start the outside events.

The pillow fight had Nicole Berland, Susanna McGilvery and Natashia Lewis as winners, while the men's category saw George Fiddler, Zach Dion and Rocky Lee Wade victorious. Curtis Abraham, Natashia Lewis and Cynthia Quinney were the successful contestants in the Snowshoe Race.

Women's Nail Driving was won by Bernice Mc Gilvery, Georgette Dion and Lisa Paul. The winners of the men's event were Curtis Abraham, Joe Dion and Felix Quinney.

The Log Toss Event saw Georgette Dion, Cynthia Quinney, and Deanna Waskahat victorious. The men's event had Felix Quinney, Nigel Waskahat and Joe Dion as winners.

Two events, Log Sawing and Honeymoon Race, called for cooperation between the sexes and were good for some good old fashioned fun.

Ms Piggy, Kermit, King Felix and Princess Rhonda cut the 30 year anniversary cake.

Log sawing saw Paul and Margaret Delver, George and Bernice McGilvery and Terry Walker and Jenny Quinney as winners. The teams of Joe and Georgette Dion, Bernice McGilvery and Curtis Abraham, and Rocky Wade and Rhonda Cardinal were victors in the honeymoon race.

Once again the crowd returned to inside events.

Winners of the potato race were Natashia Lewis, Nicole Berland and Carol Lewis. Winners of the sack race were Natashia Lewis, Bernice McGilvery and Carol Lewis. Winners of the egg race were Bernice McGilvery, Renee Quinney, and Kelly Dion.

The 100 points tournament was won by Alma Cross, Bobby Cardinal and Candace Cross. The crib tournament champions were Bernice McGilvery, Candy Cross and Alma Cross. The winners of the bannock making contest were Bella Dion, Dina Waskahat and Nancy Trottier.

Six teams vied for the tug-of-war championship. Victorious was the team Outsiders, Dianne Trottier, Susanna McGilvery, Bernice McGilvery, Curtis Abraham and Victor Jackson.

Two special events put on by community members were the Dewey Dion Memorial Jigging Contest and the Frog Lake Karnival Queen.

Winners of the jigging contest were Kelsy Poitras, Lincoln Quinney, Georgette Dion, Timmy John and Casey Quinney. In the seniors category winners were Ed Poitras, Patsy Houle, Delia Whitford, Isabelle Dion, and Marlene Lajimodiere.

Delia Dion was crowned Senior Queen, Cecile Dion was first runner up and Delia Whitford was second runner up. Rhonda Cardinal was crowned Princess of the carnival and Felix Quinney was declared the King.

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Original organizers of the first Krazy Kermit's Karnival thirty years ago; Jim Baylis, Bev Baylis, Mary Jane Quinney, Robert Deresh, and Claudia Deresh posing with Frog Lake Band Councillor Clifford Cross.

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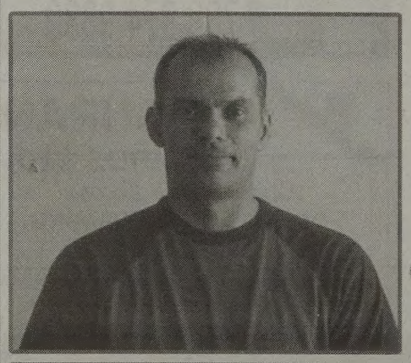

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Teamwork is key in the log sawing.

Who will win the Honeymoon Race?

Photos contributed by
Mary Jane Quinney

Kermit's Karnival

Celebrates 30 years of winter fun

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The finale of the evening was the talent show hosted by the local band Country Fyre. Winners of the Junior Vocals were Aysha John, Kelsey Poitras, and Tyrel Rowan. Winners of Senior Vocals were Norma Jackson, Shelly Poitras and Ed Poitras. Adult Vocal winners were Michelle Arragone, Casey Quinney and Mark Faithful. Winners in the duet category were Ed Poitras and Kelsy Poitras, Joe Dion and Georgette Dion, and Patsy Houle and Delia Whitford.

Donations from local agencies and businesses in Frog Lake, Home Hardware in St. Paul and Inter-action Multiculturalism Grants and Contribution program contributed to the success of the Kermit's Karnival. As Ms. Piggy remarked, "The community of Frog Lake knows how to have a good time."

The first Kermit's Karnival was held in 1981.

Rhonda Cardinal demonstrates the art of nail driving

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"Co-op – Moving Ahead by Giving Back"

Brian Storseth reaches out to voters

By Tim Banman
Review Contributor

Since the call of the election, incumbent MP Brian Storseth has been busy travelling the Westlock-St. Paul riding. By press time on Monday, Storseth had already visited Bon Accord, Mallaig, Redwater, Gibbons, Legal, Thornhild, Westlock, Elk Point, St. Lina, Bonnyville, Cold Lake, Glendon, Morinville, Waskatenau, Smoky Lake and St. Paul, where the Conservative Party candidate and campaign supporters met on Wednesday to cut a ribbon to mark the opening of the office on 50th Avenue near 52nd Street.

Besides discussions with voters, Storseth also spent two days at the start of the campaign knocking on doors in Toronto, where the Conservative Party hopes to gain seats that would contribute to the 12 needed to cinch a majority.

Support for the party has grown in Toronto since last election when he also went door-to-door, he said. Previously, about one or two out of 10 households he went to spoke favourably of the Conservatives, while last week that rate rose to four or five out of 10, he reported.

The MP said he was not expecting an election, so it took a couple days to get the campaign going. While the topics of the discussions he has been having on the campaign vary from meeting to meeting, Storseth said he is focused on sharing the vision the Conservative Party has for Canada this election. A recurring topic on the campaign trail is that voters say they want to help the Conservative Party get a majority, he said.

"In this election, there really are two competing visions," he explained. "There's our vision of lower taxes, tax relief for families and for seniors, and more personal responsibility."

The Liberal platform would recklessly cost billions and billions of dollars and would be funded by tax increases, according to Storseth. "That's the competing vision we have. We believe that we can ... make a better economy at the same time as reducing the tax burden on the average Canadian."

He said while political parties talk about family values during elections, the Conservative Party has not just talked about it, it moved forward with policies that reflect family values, such as the universal child care benefit. The party's campaign platform of income splitting for families of up to $50,000 is "huge," he added.

"Not only is it huge, but it is a responsible commitment." The party plans to implement the policy when the deficit is eliminated in 2014, he said.

The Conservative vision also includes a tough on crime agenda with changes to the criminal code to protect the rights of victims, he said. Not only does Storseth want tough on crime policies and more criminals behind bars, but he also wants to see stronger communities – which are made at the family level, he said. "I believe people want their money in their pocket and make their own decisions with it."

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County of St. Paul No. 19

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Tournament proceeds presented

Proceeds from the First Annual Jim Vinge Memorial Hockey Tournament on March 25 to 27 were presented last week, with committee members Carla Ganske, Murray Cochrane and Scott Dallaire presenting donations to the A. G. Ross Arena Operating Committee and Elk Point Minor Hockey to Doug Bassett, while the Vinge family looks on. Not shown is committee member Dwayne Wolanuk.

Carla Ganske, Doug Bassett, Murray Cochrane and Scott Dallaire of the organizing committee present a portion of the proceeds from the tournament to Leanne, Hayley, Kelsey and Brayden Vinge, wife and children of the late Jim Vinge.

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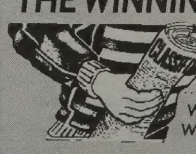

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Brian Storseth reaches out to voters

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"You do that by giving parents as much as you can the opportunity for choice to stay home if they want to, especially in the formative years of their children."

The government has accomplished many of its goals in the last five years, from reducing the GST from seven to five per cent, to income splitting for seniors, and tax credits and exemptions for seniors and volunteer firefighters, he said.

"We've got a very strong record, a very principled record to talk about, and I'm very proud of our prime minister and the record we've put forward," Storseth said.

Another accomplishment of the government was to say 'no' to funding the Quebec City arena, he said. Saying no to the Quebec arena took the views of Western and Eastern Canadians into account, he said, adding that if the government funded the arena, it would have to do the same in everywhere. "We can't afford to do this everywhere, so we're not going to do it anywhere," he said.

A frequent complaint is that the government could not get rid of the long gun registry after opposition party members changed the way they voted on the first and second readings, he said. The Conservative Party continues to opposed the long gun registry and plans to abolish it if elected.

People are also concerned about the economy, he said. Canada has had six quarters of economic growth, he said, adding that the country led the industrialized world in economic growth this past fiscal quarter.

"We should be proud of where we're at, proud of the things we've done, but we've got a lot farther to go," he noted.

Storseth was elected in the 2006 election that brought the Conservative minority government to power, earning over 68 per cent of the vote, 23,267 votes more than the Liberal Party candidate. He was re-elected in 2008 with nearly 73 per cent of the vote, dwarfing NDP, Green, Liberal, and Christian Heritage candidates.

Fifty one per cent of eligible voters turned out in the Westlock-St. Paul riding in 2008, 10 per cent fewer voters than in 2006.

Born in Barrhead, Storseth ran a business after completing studies in political science at the Universities of Calgary and Alberta. He became the youngest councillor in Barrhead history when elected in 2001. In 2003, he moved to St. Paul and owned and operated the Co-operators Insurance branch.

He decided to run in 2006 after he was approached by community members. One of those people was Darryl Poirier, his campaign manager.

Poirier said the MP is well supported by the communities in the riding. "He respects the small communities as much as the big ones ... because you have to show respect to everyone."

"A lot of people say they support Brian because he's not someone you call and never hear from again. He gets back to you."

Storseth said his five and a half years in office has flown by. "I think I've grown into the job," he reflected.

He said a majority Conservative government would try to add property rights to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Senate reform, or triple E senate, remains part of the party's platform, he said. Another reform the party would implement is more seats for Alberta, B.C. and Ontario to reflect growth in those provinces.

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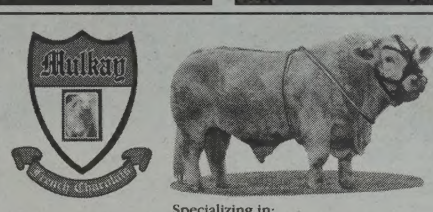

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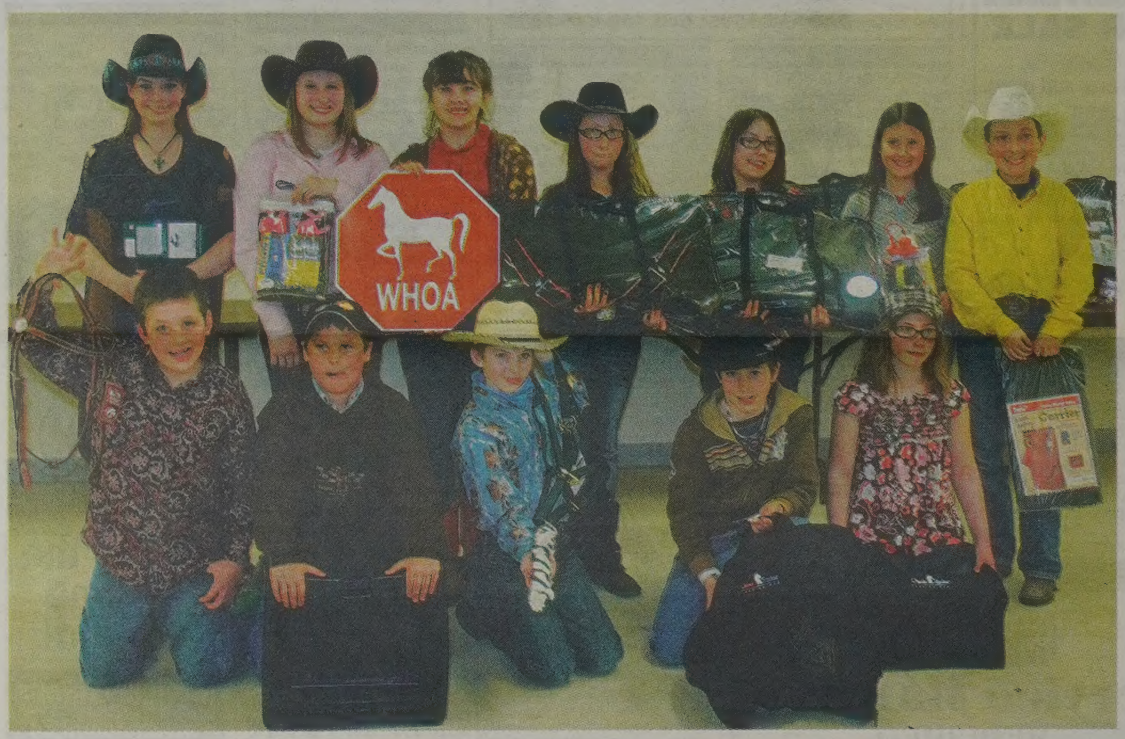
Gymkhana is #1 sport for Elk Point riders

The mighty Mites Division shows real promise for the future of gymkhana and rodeo competition in future years. Kacey Summers was first, Kennedy Hebert, second, Karson McKenzie, third, Kolbie Poitras, fourth, Karson Hebert, fifth, followed by Trey Nowosad, Shaylin Klatt, Shyanne Klatt, Konner Poitras, Marcus Greenwalt (who celebrates his birthday today) and Carter Balan.



Peewee Division winners for the 2010-2011 season were: Spencer Young, first, Ashton Ewasiuk, second, Bailey Brooks, third. Wyatt Walternouse, fourth and Colton Bamber, fifth, followed by Walker Balan, Beth Lukacs, Macey Drobot, Emily Russ, Rylee Pashulka, Adrian Russ and Kaylee Poitras.

This season's Open Division winners were, left to right: Seanna Ewasiuk, third, Ruby Braconnier, fourth; Joy Bamber, second, and Jackie Hebert, first.

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Another Elk Point Winter Gymkhana Series is in the history books, with the year-end awards presented Sunday following the final gymkhana in the six-month series, which started back in October.

Following a full afternoon that included all their favourite events, with Bernie Poitras in the C. G. Baker Arena's announcer's box providing the audience and participants with a running commentary and the scores for each ride, everyone moved upstairs for a huge potluck supper, served from the newly installed kitchen area. When everyone had enjoyed the last bite of everything from lasagna and chili to trifle and Nanaimo bars, it was time to salute the season's winners.

"It's been another great year of gymkhana," said Tera-Lee Drobot as she and Ruby Braconnier prepared to announce the winners.

Special recognition was given to local carver Ernie Poitras, who contributed one of his unique moose horn carvings to the laden prize table, and to Bernie Poitras, the afternoon's MC.

Each of the 11 Mites was called up in turn to receive a grooming tote laden with prizes that ranged from horse brushes to Easter eggs. The Mites are the youngest contestants in the series, and are showing great promise with their growing horsemanship skills and great enthusiasm for the sport.

A dozen Peewee competitors were next to receive their year-end awards, and came up according to their year-end standing to choose a prize from a wide selection on display. They were followed by three Youth competitors, with their own array of prizes to choose from.

"There were so many in the Open category that we're just announcing the top four," Tera-Lee said, calling up Jackie Hebert, Joy Bamber, Seanna Ewasiuk and Ruby Braconnier to choose their prizes.

With the Winter Series over and the snow quickly disappearing, riders will be heading outdoors with their horses, as they practice for summer activities and some of the rodeos in the area.

Have a great summer of riding, everyone - see you in the fall for another great gymkhana season!

Youth Division winners were, left to right: Bailey Oster, second, Dayle Oster, first, and Brianna White, third.

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